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Dear Chaun:

Please publish the following legal notice in your newspaper once a week for the next two weeks, beginning February 11, 2010:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting

Montana Major Facility Siting Act Proposed Administrative Order on Consent

Colstrip Electric Steam Station

On February 24, 2010, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will conduct a public meeting to explain and take public comment on a proposed Administrative Order on Consent regarding impacts related to the main plant and waste water facilities at the Colstrip Steam Electric Station operated by PPL Montana, LLC, at Colstrip, Montana. The purpose of the proposed Administrative Order on Consent is to require remediation of seepage of waste water into groundwater and soil at and downgradient of 1) the main plant site; 2) the Units 1 & 2 Stage I and II evaporation ponds northwest of the main plant site; 3) the Units 3 & 4 effluent holding ponds southeast of the main plant site; and 4) downgradient of past pipeline spills and other mutually agreed upon miscellaneous areas. The proposed AOC provides a mandatory procedure for the investigation and remediation of releases from the Colstrip facilities, including a public participation component.

The public meeting will be held at the Colstrip City Hall, 12 Cherry St., Colstrip, Montana, and begin at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed Administrative Order are available at DEQ's office at 1520 E. 6th Ave., Helena, Montana; PPL Montana's office at 303 N. Broadway, Suite 400, in Billings, Montana; the Bicentennial Library, 419 Willow Ave., Colstrip, Montana; or electronically at <http://deq.mt.gov/mfs/ColstripSteamElectricStation>. The public may also submit written comments to DEQ on the proposed Administrative Order on Consent. Written comments must be sent by March 12, 2010, to Tom Ring, DEQ – Major Facility Siting, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or electronically to DEQColstrip@mt.gov.

In addition, please attach an affidavit of publication, with an original tear sheet for the run date, to your invoice and send them to:

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Sincerely,



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